

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended as requested to reflect the claimed method invention.

Claim 9 has been cancelled but the limitations therefrom now incorporated into claim 10 have been amended so as to insure compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph thus obviating this outstanding ground of rejection with respect to original claim 9.

The rejection of claim 9 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly being made “obvious” based on Shida JP ‘849 in view of Tanida JP ‘211 is respectfully traversed.

However, since this ground of rejection is now mooted due to the cancellation of claim 9, it is not believed necessary at this time to explain in detail the reasons for such traversal.

The indication of allowable subject matter at claims 10-18 is appreciatively noted. Since these claims now appear in independent format, they are assumed to be in fully allowed condition.

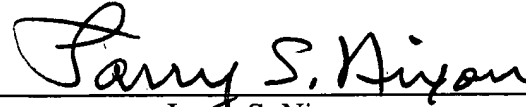
Accordingly, this entire application is now believed to be in allowable condition and a formal Notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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